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1. [ ] ship was enroute to the port of Mezen (N 65-50, E 44-16) in May 1954. At 1245 hours on 31 May, [ ] ship passed a Soviet tanker off Hornoy, Norway. At 1430 hours on 1 June, [ ] a similar Soviet tanker off Cape Svyatoy Nos (N 68-10, E 39-48). On the evening of 1 June, [ ] a third Soviet tanker off the coast of the Kola Peninsula.
2. The three Soviet tankers were loaded and were proceeding on a westerly course. [ ] the tankers as new vessels of about 700 to 800 DWT each. All three tankers were painted gray, and each ship had a red ring and a hammer and sickle emblem painted on their stacks. The naval flag was flying from the after gaff of each vessel. [ ]
3. [ ] ship arrived at Mezen on 2 June. The buoys marking Abramovskiy Point (N 66-25, E 43-16) were in the indicated positions. The pilot came aboard [ ] ship alone near the flag buoy at the entrance to the Mezen River.
4. [ ] ship was in the port of Mezen from 2 to 6 June. On 4 June, [ ] a twin-engined passenger aircraft over the city. [ ] did not see the aircraft land at Mezen, [ ] was told that there were regular flights from Mezen to Arkhangelsk and Moscow.
5. At the time of departure, the pilot said that the water near the buoys at Abramovskiy Point was shallow and that it would be safer to follow a course three miles off shore.
6. [ ] ship passed Cape Teriberskiy (N 69-15, E 35-10) at 1200 hours on 9 June traveling at a speed of eight knots. At approximately 1515 hours the ship was about 12 or 13 miles off Kildin Bank. At that position, [ ] two Soviet destroyers moving close to the shore. The destroyers traveled in circles and appeared to remain in the same general area. The destroyers had two masts and two stacks each; the first mast was located forward of the two stacks and the second aft of the stacks.

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7. [redacted] a third and larger vessel proceeding toward the two destroyers at a speed of about 18 to 20 knots. [redacted] the vessel resembled a battleship, [redacted] similar to the KIROV. [redacted] this large vessel had fired a single shell.

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